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(1) Response to Office Action.

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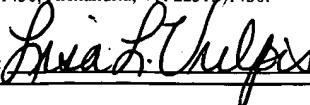
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The remarks below are submitted in response to the non-final Office Action dated February 26, 2004 in the above-identified application.

REMARKS

The present application was filed on March 7, 2000, with claims 1-19, and claims the priority of a provisional application filed July 30, 1999. Claims 1-19 are currently pending in the present application. Claims 1, 18 and 19 are the independent claims.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of the following remarks.

Claims 1-19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over M. Mortensen, "Operations Architecture for Data-Centric Converged Telecommunications Networks: Lucent Technologies' Open Operations CORBA Architecture," Lucent Network and Services Management White Paper, pp. 1-10, 1999 (hereinafter "the Mortensen reference"), in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,289,201 (hereinafter "Weber").